

What is claimed is:

1. A delivery-information management process for managing information which is to be delivered through a network, by using a computer, comprising the steps of:

(a) setting a rule for evaluation of information for an information group;

(b) classifying an information item having a predetermined attribute into said information group;

(c) calculating an evaluation value of the information group by applying said rule for evaluation of information to the information item; and

(d) storing the evaluation value in a database in association with the information group.

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2. The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein said rule for evaluation of information defines a formula for calculating said evaluation value based on an evaluation point given by an information user who refers to the information item.

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3. The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein said rule for evaluation of information defines a method for calculation of said evaluation value based on statistical information on the information item and an evaluation point given by an information user who refers to the information item.

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4. The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein every time a new information item is classified into said information group, the evaluation value of said information group is updated based on an evaluation value of the new information item.

5. The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein an evaluation value of an information provider who provides the information item is calculated based on an evaluation value of the information item.

6. The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein when said information item is inputted, it is determined whether or not inconsistency occurs between said information item and at least one other information item which has been already inputted.

7. The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein a template for information to be registered is sent to an information provider of said information item, and information having a form corresponding to the template is received as said information item.

8. The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein said information item is delivered to a terminal used by an information user, in accordance with a rule for delivery of information, where said rule for delivery is associated with the information user.

9. The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein said rule for evaluation of information is differently set for each of a plurality of evaluation periods.

10. An information management server for managing information which is to be delivered through a network, comprising:

an evaluation-rule setting unit which sets a rule for evaluation of information for an information group;

an information classifying unit which classifies an information item having a predetermined attribute into said information group;

an evaluation-value calculation unit which calculates an evaluation value of the information group by applying said rule for evaluation of information to the information item; and

an information storing unit which stores the

evaluation value in a database in association with the information group.

11. A delivery-information management program for
5 managing information which is to be delivered through a network, said delivery-information management program makes a computer perform a processing sequence which comprises the steps of:

(a) setting a rule for evaluation of
10 information for an information group;

(b) classifying an information item having a predetermined attribute into said information group;

(c) calculating an evaluation value of the information group by applying said rule for evaluation
15 of information to the information item; and

(d) storing the evaluation value in a database in association with the information group.

12. A computer-readable recording medium which
20 stores a delivery-information management program for managing information which is to be delivered through a network, said delivery-information management program makes a computer perform a processing sequence which comprises the steps of:

(a) setting a rule for evaluation of
25 information for an information group;

(b) classifying an information item having a

predetermined attribute into said information group;

(c) calculating an evaluation value of the information group by applying said rule for evaluation of information to the information item; and

5 (d) storing the evaluation value in a database in association with the information group.